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Sumpter treasurer accuses Armatis, Young of 'indiscretions'

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Sumpter Township Treasurer Peggy Morgan accused Deputy Supervisor Karen Armatis and township attorney Rob Young of "indiscretions" during a lengthy treasurer's report at the Oct. 23 meeting of the board.

"Karen enjoys power and control," Treasurer Morgan said. "She does not like to be told no. She intimidates many of our employees ... who are afraid of being fired."

Morgan said when she asked the installer of the new Comcast system about when it would be done, he told her she would have to go through Karen. Armatis shut channel 12 down last January.

Morgan said the new system was to cost $32,000 and now it's $62,000, "because she wanted it in her office."

Then she spoke of the "indiscretions" and attorney Young responded in anger. "You're not going to defame me," Young said, adding Morgan has an avenue to defame everyone in this township by writing to the *Independent*.

He accused Morgan of having a lack of good judgment in what she does and what she says.

Morgan read the dictionary meaning of "indiscretion," which she found through Google: "Behavior or speech that is indiscreet or displays a lack of good judgment."

"This all has to stop," Morgan said. "Our township deserves better." She said it's up to Supervisor John Morgan to take care of his deputy supervisor and up to the township board to take care of the attorney.

"I got it off my chest and I feel better," Morgan said. "I don't know if John knows everything going on in this office."

Supervisor Morgan said he has known Armatis for 30 years and she has been working for him for 20 years.

"Karen makes this township run smoothly," Supervisor Morgan said. "She cares more about this township than anyone. ...Karen is livid, but I recommend you calm down before you speak. I wouldn't say anything if I were you." Armatis did not respond and left the building immediately after the meeting without comment.

Young said the garbage started with Morgan attacking Trustee Matthew Oddy, who bid on some tax foreclosed property in the township under a company name. Young said Oddy "produced the tape" that proves he told the board he was bidding. Then, she said Trustee Don LaPorte was trying to fire Fire Chief Joe Januszyk, after LaPorte, a fire fighter, replaced her as liasion to the fire department. "Totally, totally false," Young said.

Young said Treasurer Morgan only spends 20 minutes in the township when she saunters in to pick up a bag for the bank and then leaves the township. He said she is upset because the township didn't approve marijuana. He said she "went down the line and disparaged people." Young said other people can't get their letters published, but she can.

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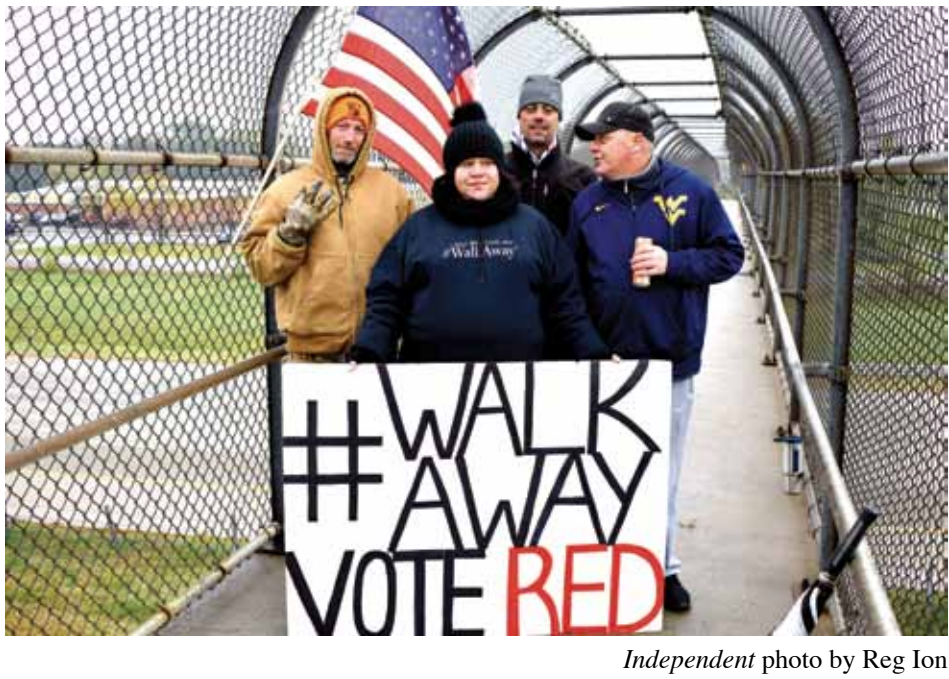

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The first local demonstration of the two-week-old #WalkAwayMichigan group was held on the Quirk Road pedestrian walkway over I-94 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Rachel Dobbins of the City of Belleville, one of the state leaders of the group, front and center, said this demonstration was held at the same time as one on an overpass in Grand Rapids and one alongside a road in Saginaw to coincide with a national rally in Washington, D.C. She said she and other Democrats have just awakened to how hateful and divisive their party has become and are walking away to the Republican Party. She said she has just become interested in politics and said her old party has become manipulative and divided and has played the members for fools. "We are walking away from the hate and violence coming from the left and the Democratic Party," Dobbins said. She alerted the Van Buren Township Police Department of the demonstration, and there were no problems, she said. Their signs got some honks from passing motorists, Dobbins said. Standing with Dobbins were WalkAway supporters from Ypsilanti.

BHS playoffs set at home for girls' swim, boys' varsity football

Belleville High School will host the KLAA East Division Girls' Swim Prelims today, Nov. 1, starting at noon. Admission is $5.

Belleville varsity football marches on in post season. BHS will host Monroe at 7 p.m. Friday night for the KLAA district championship. Ticket cost is $6 for everyone ages 5 and up. BHS is undefeated this season.

Detroit fresco artist Hubert Massey to serve as art show judge

Dr. Hubert Massey, who recently completed fresco murals at Cobo Center in Detroit, is one of the celebrity judges for this weekend's Commmunity Art Show put on by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts at the Belleville Yacht Club.

The art show opens at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, when judges and artists will be present as prize winners are announced at 7:30 p.m.. The show is open to the public without charge. Art show hours also are from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 4.

Dr. Massey's bold, vibrant images can be spotted throughout the Detroit metropolitan region, including Mexicantown, Greektown, the Cultural Center, Charles

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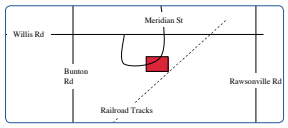

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Residency of State Rep. Kristy Pagan subject of lawsuit by Canton man

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A Canton Township man is suing Wayne County Clerk Cathy Garrett and the Wayne County Elections Commission over what he says is election fraud by State Rep. Kristy Pagan.

He claims she misrepresented her residency in campaign filing documents and votes for her in the Nov. 6 election should not be counted.

Pagan currently is running for reelection to her seat in the 21st district, which includes most of Canton, most of Van Buren Township, and the City of Belleville. She is required to live in her district.

Attorney George Dimitrios Gostias is suing on behalf of Ace Kent Herbert of Canton.

Gostias said Pagan claims to live in an apartment in Canton with her husband Karl Lopata, but she signed paperwork for two years claiming this as her "principal residence" for a Homestead Tax Exemption on a home on Detroit Street in Ann Arbor.

He said Pagan rents an apartment in Canton and owns a $450,000 house purchased in Ann Arbor in 2016. The Homestead Tax Exemptions she received for the past two years amount to about $5,000.

Gostias said she told Channel 4 the Ann Arbor property was a Rbnb, but that property is not listed on any Rbnb sites or as a rental.

"I have never lived in Ann Arbor and I do not live in Ann Arbor," Pagan told Channel 4 in an Oct. 4 report.

She told them her husband handles the mortgage and he filed the Homestead Exemption by mistake.

Gostias said she claims to live in Canton and if she does, then she is guilty of tax fraud. If she actually lives in Ann Arbor, she is guilty of election fraud.

Gostias said he considers her campaign for office fraudulent and an attempt to deceive voters.

"I'm amazed my opponent, the Republican party, would even challenge me on this," she said on Channel 4.

Gostias said if the case, filed in circuit court, isn't addressed before the election, he will amend the complaint to get her thrown out of office if she is elected.

No hearing date on the case had been set as of Tuesday morning by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Robert J. Columbo, Jr.

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On Friday, Wayne County Community College District's Ted Scott Campus hosted community leaders for a free lunch. After lunch, Michael Dotson, campus president, expounded on the many ways WCCC benefits the community. This was to promote the WCCC proposal on the Nov. 6 ballot that puts the approved WCCC millages together in one 2.5 mill tax in perpetuity. "There's no such thing as a free lunch," Dotson said, telling those present to go out and spread the message of the high school students who are able to go to college while in high school and graduate with a high school diploma and an associates degree, saving their parents thousands of dollars. He also promoted Continuing Education, Degree Programs, and Certificate Programs, along with all the special events throughout the year.

VBT Planners approve new pool, outbuilding for BYC

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Belleville Yacht Club at 831 E. Huron River Dr. received unanimous site plan approval from the Van Buren Township Planning Commission on Oct. 24 to build a 24'x50' outdoor swimming pool between its building and the lake.

Planning Commissioner Medina Atchinson abstained from the discussion and the vote since she said her husband was a BYC member and she received services at the club.

The club also received site plan approval for a 12'x40' accessory building, but its exact placement will be determined by Ron Akers, VBT Director of Planning and Economic Development, and Fire Marshal Dave McInally to make sure the fire engines can access the site in case of an emergency.

BYC president Scott Jones said the storage building will be to store cushions that are taken in and out in the summer and storage for the winter.

Director Akers said there was no need for an engineering review, since the property was reviewed in 2017 when the Tiki Bar was constructed. They will make sure the landscaping for that is complete.

Akers said the building permit is already applied for and it meets the required setbacks.

He said the pool will be surrounded by a 5' fence with a self-latching gate.

Akers said the neighbor to the east asked for an opaque fence instead of bushes and they did it.

Commissioner Don Boynton asked about the pool's closeness to the Tiki Bar.

"Suppose someone has a fantastic time at the Tiki Bar and rolls into the pool?" Commissioner Boynton asked.

Jones said they had addressed that with the power cover on the pool. Also, he said, Belleville Lake is right there.

In other business at the one-hour-and-seven minute meeting on Oct. 24, the commission:

• Approved the final site plan for construction of a wireless, 125' monopole cell tower and associated support structures at the northwest corner of Ecorse and Morton Taylor roads by Parallel Infrastructure for Verizon, with other wireless carriers, as well. The township approved special land use for the project on Jan. 10, 2018 and then "started the odyssey with Wayne County, getting approvals late last month," said Jonathan Crane, civil

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Correction: VBT sample ballot incorrect in directions for judges

The sample ballot published on page 3 of last week's Belleville-Area Independent is incorrect in one line that directs voters to vote for 8 candidates for Third Circuit Court Incumbent Positions. It should say vote for 16. There are 16 candidates.

Van Buren Township Clerk Leon Wright assures voters the Official Ballot is correct. A ballot proof was placed on the Township website in error and subsequently appeared in last week's Belleville Area Independent. The Official Ballot is correct and the website error has been corrected. "We apologize for any confusion this may have caused voters," Clerk Wright said.

Corrected version

Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit - Incumbent Position Vote for not more than 16	
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Karen Braxton Judge of Circuit Court	◯
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Leslie Kim Smith Judge of Circuit Court	◯
Deborah A. Thomas Judge of Circuit Court	◯

OPINIONS

Editorial

Election is looming, don't miss out on casting a ballot

The long ballot for Tuesday's, Nov. 6, mid-term election has a lot of decisions for voters, important decisions.

While all those running for the school board and library board are great candidates, be sure to pick your favorites and support them with a vote.

The Sumpter Township election to fill three appointed positions with elected officials until 2020 is hotly contested. While the clerk and treasurer positions have but one Democrat on the ballot, each has an officially filed, write-in candidate running. Write-in campaigns are difficult to win, but Mike Duggan won his write-in campaign for Detroit Mayor. It's possible to win.

The trustee position has three candidates listed: A Democrat, a Republican, and a candidate with no party. This seems a more-polite race, except one Democrat voiced concerns about the township supervisor having a Republican's sign in his front yard after all the money he's taken from the Democrats for his campaigns.

There are high-profile Republicans and Democrats coming to Michigan to promote their congressional candidates and people on the Quirk Road pedestrian overpass over I-94 walking away from their party to support another party. And, four important proposals.

Be sure to make your thoughts known by going to the polls on Nov. 6 or getting an absentee ballot and voting.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW ...By Rosemary K. Otzman

The only big winner in Friday's Mega Millions drawing was a $1 million winner who purchased the ticket at the Meijer Gas Station at the corner of Belleville and Tyler roads in Van Buren Township. No name was given in the news release, but it did note the ticket buyer did not buy the Multiplier, which would have meant a $4 million prize.

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School Supt. Pete Kudlak said I was wrong in my report about the Tigers Wall that is being put up at the high school. He said it will be put in place to honor students who died while students. I had thought he meant it was for athletes who had died, but it isn't.

He said the first student honored will be Savion Robinson who died at the age of 14 in a house fire on Denton Road on Dec. 13, 2015. Supt. Kudlak said Savion would have been a senior this year.

He said the wall will be put up by the pond in front of the high school and two of Marina Gerick's benches will be put there. Marina is a Girl Scout who is collecting plastic bottle caps that are recycled into benches. At the last school board meeting, Marina's mother said they have enough plastic bottle caps collected to make 12 benches.

School Supt. Kudlak said people may nominate other students for memorial honors. He said there may be others who died that they don't even know about. Sorry, about thinking it was for athletes. It was mentioned in passing at the end of the school board meeting and I thought it was part of the program to honor former high school athletes.

Supt. Kudlak said the idea was proposed by the Spitznagel family.

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I was sitting next to Huron Township Supervisor Dave Glaab at a meeting last week and we got to talking about the progress on the Waltz Road Bridge and how they probably could have a parade for Apple Fest next year.

34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green puts the parade together and makes it run properly. He said he was talking with Judge Green about the Apple Fest and they agreed that it was just as well they didn't have a parade this year because the skies opened up that morning and sheets of rain poured down. That was the second year they couldn't have a parade because of the bridge.

The afternoon was sunny, so the rest of the festival went well.

Judge Green told me in the past the parade organized at the Metropark over the bridge to the south of town and people were able to park on the grass there. Then, the parade proceeded into New Boston over the bridge.

With no bridge, this didn't work out.

Now, the old bridge is completely gone and big cranes are working on the construction of a new, safe bridge.

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I asked Library Director Mary Jo Suchy if that black square on the construction site was where the elevator will be in the new library. She said that black stuff is waterproofing and, yes, that is the site of the elevator shaft. We can hardly wait until things will start forming upwards, especially the steel girders which are due to start being delivered on Nov. 19.

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Tina Phillips, a parent of a student at Van Buren Public Schools, said she thought I should point out that the football player and cheerleader involved in the inappropriate touching written about last week were not a varsity boy or a varsity cheerleader. She said she is 100% sure of that and she doesn't want anyone to think there is anything inappropriate going on with the varsity team which is winning games and making the district so proud.

But, a father of one of the freshman cheerleaders who complained about being touched called to tell me there were six young men involved and some were varsity. "I don't think it's done," he said, noting he thought the investigation at the school wasn't handled right which made the whole thing more difficult. He said neither he nor the mother of the boy who was given all the blame got any answers.

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Letters

Open letter of resignation to Sumpter Board of Trustees

Friday, Oct. 26

When I was asked on Sept. 6, 2018 to come to Sumpter Township to be the new Deputy Treasurer, I did not know that the Treasurer's office was in crisis, just that the former Deputy Treasurer resigned. When I arrived on Sept. 7, I was greeted with chaos, and I resolved to do whatever it took to help get it under control.

I stayed late and tried to learn my job in the midst of a flurry of residents paying their tax bills. I thought that when the major rush settled down with tax bills and water bills a week later, that I would get a few days training so that I could catch up what was lagging and learn my job to take the stress off others that have had to do the Deputy Treasurer's duties.

In return, I have been the main pawn in a political firestorm. I have tried to work through it and not worry about being in the local paper every week and the discussion at board meetings. It isn't just aimed toward the position of Deputy Treasurer, as some might argue, since I have been named at least twice in the local paper and several times during board meetings. I have been greeted with roadblocks every step of the way and have tried to train myself from a book.

It is with regret that I am resigning my position as Deputy Treasurer effective immediately. I really started to enjoy the job but the priority practiced here of politics over people (employees), have forced me to make this decision.

Regards,
Vernon Morse

Give John James a chance at the Senate

To the editor:

Elections next week. My hope is that the people of Michigan will not vote to return to the high tax, high unemployment of the Granholm years. On the national level it's time to give a young man named John James a chance to break the hold on the Senate that Chuck Schumer seems to have on Debbie Stabenow.

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NO on Proposal 1 for Recreational Marijuana

To the editor:

I am continuing to urge citizens to vote NO on Proposal 1 in regards to Recreational Marijuana.

I continue to warn anyone and everyone about the long-term use of marijuana.

1. It is a gateway drug.
2. It remains deposited in the fat tissues of our bodies for a prolonged time. Can it lead to Alzheimer's?
3. It still remains an illegal substance at the federal government level.
4. It is a shame our Michigan legislators would sell their souls for questionable financial gain.
5. How is recreational marijuana going to be affecting driving under the influence? It will be causing increases in auto insurance.

Please Vote No on Proposal 1.

I also wish to endorse Esther Hurst for our Sumpter Township Clerk, Ken Bednark for our Sumpter Township Treasurer, and Tim Rush for our Sumpter Township Trustee.

All of them are more than well qualified to serve all of us in Sumpter Township.

It is time to vote in this most critical mid-term election. May God give each of you wisdom to make your vote count.

Mary Ban
Sumpter Township

Don't give up your right to vote, cast your ballot

To the editor and readers:

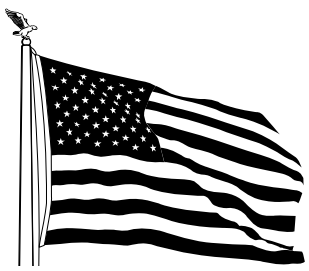
It is decision time again and your VOTE IS NEEDED! Living in America you have the right to select new or re-elect representatives for various positions. You may think your vote doesn't count, but it does! Use your voice through the ballot box. There are some important issues that should be considered. Remember if you don't vote then you just gave up your voice and must accept other voters' choices.

This is a RIGHT don't give it up!

See you at the polls Nov. 6.

P.S. If you can't come to the voting polls, you can sign up for an ABSENTEE BALLOT. But hurry. Time is drawing near!

Marian Caldwell
Van Buren Township



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More Letters

Vote for me as write-in candidate for Treasurer

To the Residents of Sumpter:

After working 14 years for Sumpter Township, I never thought I would fear for my well-being and to be accused by the administration of stealing while taking boxes out of my office.

My duties daily, as a Treasurer, require honest loyalty and to be consistent in my work while handling large sums of money in the Treasurer's office.

It is and has been very difficult to maintain a healthy environment for my staff and me in the Treasurer's office due to the duties of the deputy supervisor and her unlimited control in my office, having access to all tools that control Treasurer functions and with the support of the Board of Trustees and the Township Attorney Mr. Robert Young and a Supervisor who is going along just for the ride OUT!

It's been a very harsh, hard journey after speaking up about the indiscreet relationships and the narcissistic behavior that has been going on for many, many years.

And, this type of business and behavior in the facilities of Sumpter Township needs to be eliminated and not continue without question. This is a deathly form of CANCER. It has stifled this community yesterday and still today!

If elected Nov. 6, I will continue to serve my community and be professional in performing my duties as your sworn-in Treasurer.

Fearless and not afraid.

Nov. 6 Write-in Treasurer Peggy Morgan
Sumpter Township

It's time to stop doing NOTHING in Sumpter

To the Residents of Sumpter Township:

I ask you the questions and help me with the answers that we all should know. Who is really making the decision for our township? Why is it 40 years of same business as usual?

Who really reaps the benefits in our township? Has your township grown in the past 10, 20, 30, 40 years? Have you experienced a family member that was born in Sumpter and moved away for years to come back and see NOTHING?

Are the leaders that you voted for reaping the benefits? What plans are there for the YOUTH in Sumpter? Have our Leaders in the past 40 years, given back to our youth?

Have there been after-school programs for education, math, reading, art or drama? Or, just playing simple basketball games in the gym in the past 6, 8, 12, months or two years or three? Why haven't the leaders made plans or investments for the youth in 40 years?

Our township leader said WE have rules on how WE spend the township MONEY! How have the township's leaders been spending the money? On what and who?

People of Sumpter Township, we can't continue to do NOTHING! Say nothing! Stand for nothing!

Nothing is impossible because nothing is the definition of BLANK! But, hope can bring about change and change makes it possible to replace BLANK.

Residents, Please Pay Attention.

On Nov. 6 vote Write-in Sheena Barnes for Clerk.

Sheena Barnes
Sumpter Township

Thank you, St. Jude

To the editor:

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Thank you, St. Jude

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St. Jude's Novena

May the sacred heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us.

Thank you so very much, St. Jude, for answering my prayer.
B.J., Belleville

It's time for annual Rotary wreath sale

To the editor:

It's that time of the year again. The Belleville Rotary Club is now conducting its annual Christmas Wreath, Garland and Centerpiece Sale! This year, orders can be placed until Nov. 27, for pick up at the Wayne County Community College District Ted Scott Campus, 9555 Haggerty Rd, Van Buren Township, MI, on Tuesday, Dec. 4, from 7:30-8 p.m.

Order forms are available at and can be submitted with payment to Paul Henning at the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, Mary Jo Suchy at the Belleville Area District Library, Glenn Silvenis at RE/MAX Crossroads III on Main Street or any Rotarian. Please make all checks payable to the Belleville Rotary Club. Proceeds support the Belleville Rotary Club's charitable and community service projects.

Brian Pearcy, president
Belleville Rotary Club

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Obituaries

Charles Burrell

CHARLES BURRELL
(October 25, 1933 – October 25, 2018)
Charles Burrell of Belleville died peacefully at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital -- Ann Arbor Campus on his 85th birthday, October 25, 2018. Charles is the beloved brother of Jean Burrell of Belleville and is also survived by many loving extended family and friends. Sadly, he is preceded in death by his brother, Lee James Burrell (d. 1991).
Born on October 25, 1933 in Ypsilanti to Harry (Sybil) Burrell, Charles was a graduate of Belleville High School (*Class of 1952*). After graduation, he served his country in the United States Navy for two and a half years. Following his discharge from the service, Charles worked for Ford Motor Company for forty years. In his spare time, he enjoyed woodworking, residential construction and clock making.
In keeping with Mr. Burrell's wishes, a simple cremation has been arranged with no formal services planned.

Lois Marie Golden

LOIS MARIE GOLDEN
(October 27, 1961 – October 29, 2018)
Lois M. (Michaels) Golden, 57, of Belleville, MI passed away at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan on Monday, October 29, 2018.
Lois is survived by her husband Darick Golden, two children Darick and Andrew Golden, both of Belleville, MI., her mother Leona M. (Kish) Michaels of Houston, TX, her sister Debbora M. (Kurt) Olin of Austin, Texas, and her brothers Mark G. Michaels of Houston, Texas and Jeffrey K. Michaels of Kansas City, Missouri. Lois also leaves 3 grandchildren Ava, Landon and Carter all of Belleville, MI.
Lois was born October 27, 1961, in Wayne, Michigan to George (d 2010) and Leona Mary (Kish) Michaels, formerly of Belleville, Michigan. Lois was a 1979 Belleville High School graduate.
In keeping with Lois' wishes, a simple cremation has been arranged.

MARCIA LYNN JASZCZ
(April 23, 1945 – October 28, 2018)
Visitation at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, (734) 697-4500, from 1-8 p.m. Thursday, with a Celebration of Life at 11 a.m. Friday. Cremation rites will be accorded.
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Jean E. Orskey

JEAN E. ORSKEY
(June 22, 1927 – October 25, 2018)
Age 91, of Belleville. Died peacefully at her residence on Thursday evening, October 25, 2018. Jean is the beloved wife of the late John (d. 2013); loving mother of John (Janet) Orskey of Van Buren Township, Shirley (Robert) Debell of Texas, Mary (Kim Fairchild) Ivan of Canton and David (Lisa Jansheski) Orskey of North Carolina; cherished grandmother of Amanda (Rodney) Akers of Sumpter Township, Gabriel (Adi) Ivan of Pinckney, Andrew (Krisi Evans) Orskey of Ypsilanti, Capt. Joseph (Capt. Maggie, USMC) Orskey, USMC of North Carolina, Courtney Ivan of Jackson and Hilary (David) Stelzer of New Boston. Mrs. Orskey is also survived by her great-grandchildren, Chloe, Riley, Jaxson and Harper; siblings, James (Kathleen) Renton of Arizona, Charles Renton of Belleville, Rose (James) Neibauer of Traverse City and Donald (Donna) Renton of Belleville and longtime friend, Jeanie Morris.
Born on June 22, 1927 to James (Eunice) Renton in Van Buren Township, Jean was a graduate of Belleville High School (*class of 1945*). She worked for many years with the Van Buren Township School system in the Food Service Department. In her spare time, she was a loyal member of the Red Hat Society, enjoyed all types of different outdoor activities, quilting, sewing, knitting and crocheting, and had a love of animals, especially dogs. Above all, spending time with family and friends was of the most importance to Jean.
In keeping with Mrs. Orskey's wishes, a simple cremation has been arranged with a celebration of life service to be held in the near future. Please check back with the funeral home website for updated information.
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VBT plan

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engineer and attorney for Parallel;

• Approved temporary land use for one year for Costco Wholesale Corporation at 5860 Belleville Rd. to construct temporary container parking at the west side of their existing truck depot. Additional parking is needed for the holiday season and they are talking of a permanent solution for the southwest corner of the site. Costco originally wanted it on the east side of the site, but at the last minute moved it to the west. Akers said, actually, the west side is less impactful. Costco representatives said the west side is the dry side of the site and there is a dust-control plan;

• Voted unanimously to recommend to the township board a Public Participation Plan put together by Eastern Michigan University intern Melissa Kalnasy. It is expected to be on the township board agenda in December; and

• Heard Akers announce that Neapco, on Haggerty Road near L&W Engineering, submitted its final site plan for a 70,000-square-foot building in front of its present location and Subaru broke ground and its building permit was approved earlier that day.

More Letters

What are the legalities of hitch hiking?

To the editor:

Hitchhiking? Hitchhiking. This is the type of ideas we get from an elected official -- voting season is upon us, folks.

These are the type of people we get to chose from, so chose wisely. In fact, this particular member of our board was voted out of office once, yet managed to slip back in. A perfect example on why you shouldn't vote based on name recognition alone.

I wonder, Ms. Editor, if you could find some information on the legalities of hitchhiking? I'd like to know if one of our elected officials are encouraging illegal behavior from our residents.

Charles Larocque
Van Buren Township

Editor's Note: We believe the comment was made in fun, but has caused consternation to some.

Your help is needed for Feed the World Day Nov. 3 at WCCC

Worldwide, more than 14,000 children die from malnutrition every day. In our own country 17.5 million households struggle with hunger daily. Rotary International District 6400 which includes Rotary members from Southeast Michigan and Canada and includes Belleville, Romulus, and Huron Township, is conducting an event as part of Feed The World Day 2018 to address these critical problems.

This year's event, which consists of packaging up to 100,000 bags of food for hungry kids, will be held at the Wayne County Community College Ted Scott Campus, 9555 Haggerty Rd, Belleville, on Saturday morning, Nov 3.

The public is encouraged to help Rotarians and other volunteers in this ambitious undertaking. More volunteers are needed to help meet our goals for the packaging of this food.

Individuals or groups are welcome. Please consider helping. Note, a generous portion of the food packaged will stay right here and in other local area communities to help our fellow neighbors.

We ask everyone who wants to help in this battle against hunger to sign up as soon as possible. Sign up is on line at https://rotaryftw2018.eventbrite.com/ .

Just click on "REGISTER" when you get to the site. There are opportunities to work on set-up, 6:30-8 a.m., or packaging from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Your help is needed to meet our goal.

Organization of Feed the World 2018 is by Kids Coalition Against Hunger, a humanitarian organization whose mission is to reduce the number of hungry children and feed starving children.

Belleville Rotary

Why isn't Main St. closed for the children?

To the editor:

I would like to request a response from you or any one of the Belleville City Council members on the organization of the Belleville Main Street Trick-or-Treat event.

Specifically, I'm wondering why the street can't be closed for this event. It seems like simple common sense to close a street when you invite hundreds of small children to walk (or run) up and down sidewalks collecting candy.

Main Street gets closed for several events every year, yet for this event, we risk it? I understand this can cause a minor inconvenience for traffic; I commute on Main Street every day.

But in situations like this, I find it effective to ask, "Is it worth it?" Is it worth keeping traffic moving for those two hours at the risk of harming a child? My answer is no. I'm wondering what those in charge think.

Charles Larocque
Van Buren Township

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Court Watching:

Samuel Craft bound over to circuit court for shooting at Parkwood

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Samuel Lee Craft, 31, was bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court for trial after the man he is charged with shooting at Parkwood Apartments testified in a preliminary exam before 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green on Oct. 24.

Craft is charged with assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, felonious assault, and weapons during an incident at about 8 p.m. on Sept. 29 in Van Buren Township.

He has been held in the Wayne County Jail on $500,000 cash bond since he turned himself in at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit. VBT Police had been searching for him after the shooting, when he left Parkwood and fled to Detroit.

The only witness called by the Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor was James Bryant Harris, Jr., 25, who testified he was shot in his "center mass" just below his heart by Craft. He said the bullet went through his body but left fragments and he was in critical condition and hospitalized for two and a half weeks.

Harris said he was 16 years old when he first knew Craft and he let Craft sleep overnight in his house. He said his fiancee, who is soon to become his wife, is Craft's first cousin.

He said he got home from work at about 8:05 that night and his fiancee received a call from an aquaintance who occasionally does the hair for her daughters. He said his fiancee didn't say what the problem was but it seemed urgent.

He accompanied his fiancee to 9222 Parkwood, wearing his concealed pistol for which he has a license. He said he always wears his gun because he was concerned about safety at Parkwood.

He said he knocked on the door. Then he proceded to leave, to walk home, he said. Harris said Craft doesn't allow the two women to talk.

"There were problems with Craft," Harris said under cross examination. "I didn't know he lived there. Sometimes he was there, sometimes not. There were a lot of problems and I was concerned about safety. I always carry my gun. I pulled the gun out after I was shot, wouldn't you?"

He said he didn't see Craft come out, but his fiancee called out there was a gun and he turned around and Craft shot him in the chest from around five to ten feet away.

Harris testified he pulled out his gun and ran. He said he was confused. He said he was stopped by police officers who told him to put the gun down. They put him in handcuffs until the situation could be ironed out and then got him treatment for his gunshot wound, he said. He was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

When the prosecutor made a motion to bind Craft over for trial, the defense attorney objected to the intent to murder charge, saying intent had to be shown.

"Why didn't he stand over him and shoot him again, if he intended to kill him?" the attorney asked.

"It's for a jury to decide," Judge Green said.

"There is nothing showing he intended to kill," the attorney insisted and the prosecutor disagreed.

"It's for a jury to decide," Judge Green repeated. "If he shot him in the leg, we'd be having a different discussion."

She bound him over to circuit court for an Oct. 31 arraignment on the information.

The defense attorney asked for the judge to reduce Craft's bond to $75,000/10% instead of the $500,000 cash bond. He pointed out Craft turned himself in, he has three children, and is gainfully employed.

"The police were chasing him for days," the prosecutor said.

Judge Green said his case with be turned over to pretrial services at circuit court to consider the bond.

James Franklin Allen

James Franklin Allen, 27, waived his preliminary exam and Judge Green bound him over to circuit court for trial on charges of fleeing police in a vehicle - fourth degree and reckless driving in Van Buren Township on May 17.

He is lodged in the Wayne County Jail on bond of $20,000/10%. His arraignment on the information at circuit court is set for Oct. 31.

Manson Charles Marsh

Judge Green signed a bench warrant for Manson Charles Marsh after he failed to show up for court on Oct. 24 to face a charge of fleeing Van Buren Township police in a vehicle. James Gizicki is his court appointed attorney.

Tracey Denise Curreathers

Tracey Denise Curreathers, 50, waived her preliminary exam on charges of false pretenses between $1,000 and $20,000, check with non-sufficient funds $500 or more, and check with no account, on Jan. 5 in Van Buren Township. Magistrate Lisa Martin bound her over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Nov. 7. She is free on $10,000 personal recognizance bond.

Dontao Eugene Cavins

Dontao Eugene Cavins, 17, will hold his preliminary exam before Judge David Parrott on Oct. 31 on a charge of second-degree home invasion in Van Buren Township on Sept. 29. His attorney asked for the bond to be reduced for his client, who is lodged in the Wayne County Jail on $200,000/10% bond.

The defense attorney said Cavins lives with his mother and has been in custody for three weeks. He asked for Magistrate Martin to consider putting him on a tether so he doesn't get kicked out of school and mess up his probation.

The Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor said on Sept. 19 Cavins was bound over on an unauthorized driving away of an auto charge and had HYDA in another jurisdiction and was to be on a tether.

Magistrate Martin denied the request to lower bond.

Christopher Gregg

Christopher Gregg, 38, waived his preliminary exam on charges of carrying a concealed weapon and driving while license suspended in Van Buren Township on Oct. 10. Magistrate Martin bound him over to circuit court for a Nov. 7 arraignment on the information. He is free after posting bond of $5,000/10%.

James Edward Tanner

James Edward Tanner, 21, will have a preliminary exam on Oct. 31 before Judge Parrott on charges of first-degree home invasion, malicious destruction of a building less than $200, and domestic violence in Van Buren Township on Oct. 11. He is free after posting bond of $10,000/10%.

Timothy James Vanbuhler

Timothy James Vanbuhler, 34, had his probable cause conference adjourned for two weeks. He is charged with assault to do greatly bodily harm less than murder on Aug. 16 in Van Buren Township. He is free after posting bond of $15,000/10%.

Ameer Jacob Makalda

Ameer Jacob Makalda, 19, waived his preliminary exam and Magistrate Martin bound him over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Nov. 7. He is charged with assaulting, resisting, obstructing a police officer in Sumpter

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Belleville Area Council for the Arts presents Art Show Nov. 2-4

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts will be presenting its 9th-annual Belleville Community Art Show Nov. 2-4 at the Belleville Yacht Club, 831 E. Huron River Dr.

An Opening Reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 2.

Cash prizes will be awarded in six categories: Adult 2-D, Adult 3-D, Adult Photography, Ages 6-12 and Ages 13-18. This year there is a new category, "Recycled Recreated," sponsored by Waste Management.

Mendie Russell, BACA's president, will be announcing the winners at 7:30 p.m. Families and friends are invited to meet the artists and judges. Refreshments will be served. It is free and open to the public.

There will be viewing of the show from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 4.

The art show is free, but donations to the Council for the Arts are appreciated.

Brown Family Center to host national webcast on children's grief

In honor of Children's Grief Awareness Month (November), the David C. Brown Funeral Home and the Brown Family Center, in conjunction with the National Alliance for Grieving Children (NAGC) will host a national webcast on children's grief at 11 a.m., Nov. 8.

Featuring nationally recognized leaders in the field of childhood bereavement, the educational webcast is geared towards professionals in the fields of funeral services, clergy, hospice care, health care, education, mental health, child welfare, and bereavement support.

Death, dying, and bereavement are unfortunate themes that appear almost daily in news headlines. Rarely is there any discussion on a national level as to how community tragedy impacts the lives of children and teenagers.

This webcast will provide insight into the challenges faced by children and teenagers impacted by a community tragedy. Presenters will provide practical information and advice for supporting children and teenagers in the aftermath of a tragedy.

They will share information about how to talk to children about tragedy, how to engage the community, and ways to offer support throughout the grieving process.

This free event on runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Brown Family Center. Light refreshments will be served. Space is limited, so RSVP by Monday, Nov. 5.

Three CEU's are available for this event at a cost of $30. Those qualified for CEU's are Psychologists, Counselors, MFT's, and Social Workers.

For more information, contact Patti Monroe at the Brown Family Center, 678 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, (734) 697-5090.

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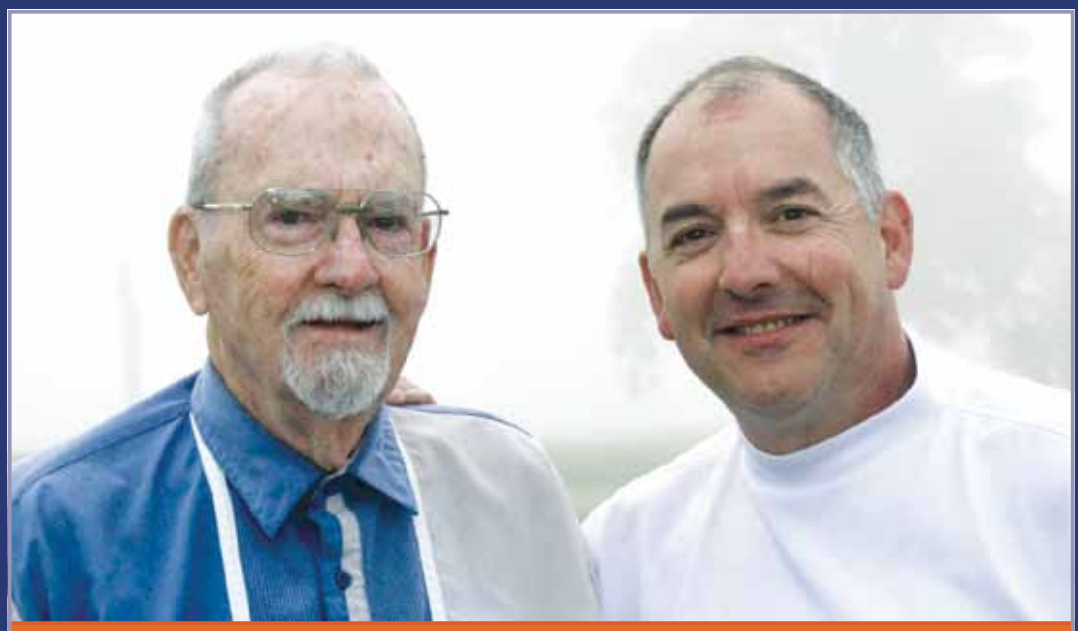

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Court watching

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Township on Sept. 24. He is free after posting bond of $20,000/10%.

Robert Edmund Foster

Robert Edmund Foster, 55, waived his preliminary exam and Magistrate Martin bound him over to circuit court to face charges of stolen property between $1,000 and $20,000 and larceny between $1,000 and $20,000 in the City of Belleville on Sept. 27, 2017. His arraignment on the information is Oct. 31. He is lodged in the Wayne County Jail on bond of $20,000/10%.

His court-appointed attorney Rick Nelson asked for a reduction of bond. He said Foster lives with his sister and receives Social Security. Magistrate Martin sent his case to pretrial services for consideration of bond.

Gregory James Decz

The probable cause conference of Gregory James Decz, 47, was adjourned for three weeks, at the request of his court-appointed attorney. He is charged with operating with a high blood alcohol content, operating while intoxicated-3rd, driving with open container in vehicle, and driving while license suspended in Van Buren Township on Oct. 12. He is free after posting bond of $5,000/10%.

Sean Michael Almond

Sean Michael Almond, 36, is charged with domestic violence in Sumpter Township on Aug. 12. He is scheduled to be before Judge Parrott on Oct. 31 for his preliminary exam. He is lodged on bond of $10,000/10%.

Foley Griffin Thompson

Foley Griffin Thompson, 70, had his probable cause conference adjourned until Nov. 14. He is facing charges of operating while intoxicated causing serious injury, operating with a high blood alcohol content, and driving while license suspended in Sumpter Township on Sept. 16. He is free after posting bond of $5,000/10%.

Chelsea Rae Dennis

Chelsea Rae Dennis, 27, had her probable cause conference adjourned until Nov. 7. She has two charges of possession of narcotic or cocaine on April 15 in the City of Belleville. She is free on $5,000 personal recognizance bond. Her retained attorney is Wade Fink.

Photo courtesy Sherry Frazier

The Iron Man statue in Horizon Park is wearing a cape and a message from the Belleville Area Council for the Arts to have a "Happy Halloween." BACA is hosting its annual Community Art Show this week end at the Belleville Yacht Club with free admission. On Friday at 7 p.m. the cash awards will be announced, with judges and artists in attendance.

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Sen. Hopgood invites veterans to free movie, coffee hour on Nov. 9

State Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D -Taylor, is inviting local residents to join him at an upcoming movie showing and coffee hour.

Sen. Hopgood invites members of the community to his fourth-annual Free Veterans Day Movie Event on Friday, Nov. 9, at 12:30 p.m. in acknowledgment of the tremendous sacrifice and service of America's military veterans.

In cooperation with MJR Westland Grand Cinema 16, "Bohemian Rhapsody" (PG-13), which is based on the story of Queen, their music, and the struggles and legacy of lead singer Freddie Mercury -- will be shown. Tickets are limited to two per veteran and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. RSVP is required.

In addition, the senator invites local community members to join him at his November Coffee Hour on Friday, Nov. 9, at 3 p.m., following the movie showing. The coffee hour will provide an opportunity for citizens to meet with Sen. Hopgood and discuss current events in Lansing and the local district.

For additional information regarding these events or to RSVP, contact Sen. Hopgood's office by calling (517) 373-7800, by emailing senhhopgood@senate.michigan.gov or by visiting his Facebook page at facebook.com/SenHopgood.

Sen. Hopgood represents citizens of the 6th Senate District, which includes the Wayne County communities of Belleville, part of Brownstown Township, Flat Rock, Huron Township, Rockwood, Romulus, Sumpter Township, Taylor, Van Buren Township and Westland.

Registration under way for holiday storytimes at the district library

Registration for Storytimes has begun at the Circulation Desk at the Belleville Area Library. The holiday schedule for the Library Storytimes are as follows:

Family Storytimes – ages 4-10, at 7 p.m. Mondays, Nov. 5 - Dec. 10

Tuesday Toddler Times – ages 2-4, at 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Nov. 6 - Dec. 11

Thursday Toddler Times – ages 2-4, at 11 a.m., Thursdays, Nov. 8 – Dec. 13

The Library will be closed on Nov. 12 for Veterans Day and Nov. 22-23 for Thanksgiving.

Santa will be visiting the library Monday, Dec. 3, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

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Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue of Sumpter Township will be holding a dine-to-donate fundraiser event at Haab's Restaurant in Ypsilanti on Sunday, Nov. 18, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Ten percent of all sales on this day will go to the no-kill shelter. Call (734) 461-9458.

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St. Joseph Catholic Church at 9425 Whittaker in Ypsilanti will be holding its annual Craft Show on Saturday, Nov. 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy a holiday luncheon with soup and sandwiches, bake sale, door prizes, and visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus. For info call Pat Mull at (734) 461-6969. Immanuel Baptist Church at 1565 East Forest Ave. in Ypsilanti will be holding its annual Holiday Bazaar this Saturday, Nov. 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Activities include crafts, country store, bake sale, and a soup lunch. Call (734) 483-4107.

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The Belleville Area Council for the Arts 9th Annual Community Art Show is this weekend at the BYC on East Huron River Drive. The free show starts tomorrow evening with the reception, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. with the art show winners announced at 7:30 p.m. The show's regular hours run 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Call (734) 357-8000 and visit www.bacaartshow.org .

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The Yankee Air Museum's next Historic Presentation Night is Wednesday, Nov. 7, at 7:30 p.m. with the program titled "Rosie's Mom and Other Stories of the Michigan World War I Home Front." Dennis Skupinski, chairman of the Michigan WWI Centennial Commission, will present a vivid portrait of how the citizens of Michigan were affected by the "Great War" and how the war laid the groundwork for many 20th century advancements, such as mechanized warfare, industrial innovation, medical treatment, and social changes. The event is free and open to the public. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Visit www.yankeeairmuseum.org and call (734) 483-4030.

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The Belleville High School football team won its playoff opener last Friday, a 28-7 victory over Dearborn at BHS. The undefeated Tigers advance to the next round and will host Monroe tomorrow evening at 7 p.m. in the District Championship title game. The winner advances to take on the West Bloomfield/Catholic Central winner next week. Go Tigers!

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At the Oct. 8 meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education two Belleville High School students took their place at the board table to offer input into proceedings. At left is Maggie Southers, vice president of the junior class, and Soranya Taylor, president of the junior class. This is the second pair of BHS students to sit at the board table. School Supt. Kudlak said he believes there will be a total of six students, taking turns attending meetings in twos, since they all are so busy

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• **Friday, Nov. 2** – Show-opening reception of the ninth-annual Belleville Area Community Art Show at the Belleville Yacht Club, 7-9 p.m., free. Prize winners for adult and children artworks announced at 7:30 p.m. Meet the artists and judges. Presented by Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

• **Saturday, Nov. 3, and Sunday, Nov. 4** – Public viewing of the ninth-annual Belleville Area Community Art show at the Belleville Yacht Club, free, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Adult and children artwork on display. Presented by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

• **Saturday, Nov. 3** – Join the volunteers at Wayne County Community College Ted Scott Campus, 9555 Haggerty Rd., to help Rotary Club members Feed the World, filling bags of food to fight hunger in our community, 6:30-10:30 a.m.

• **Saturday, Nov. 3** – Sumpter Senior Annual Craft Show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Sumpter Senior Center, 23501 Sumpter Road. $10 per table. Proceeds go to Senior Christmas Party. Call Karen Mickens (734) 461-2296 or (734) 461-9373.

• **Saturday, Nov. 3** – After the Harvest Used Book Sale, noon-3 p.m., two books for the price of one. Presale for library members only, 11 a.m. to noon.

• **Sunday, Nov. 4** – Free Sunday Music at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, 2-5 p.m. This week it's Albert Muniz Band. Information: Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Sunday, Nov. 4** – Bugles Across America at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial at Horizon Park. Honor the veterans alive and gone who have served to keep our country free. "Taps" played during brief ceremony.

• **Tuesday, Nov. 6** – It's Election Day across the country. Polls are open in Michigan from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Cast your ballot. It's important.

• **Friday, Nov. 9** – Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D-Taylor, presents his fourth-annual Free Veterans Day Movie event at 12:30 p.m. in cooperation with MJR Westland Grand Cinema 16, 6800 N. Wayne Rd. "Bohemian Rhapsody" will be shown. Two free tickets per veteran. RSVP required: (517) 373-7800 or email at senhhopgood@senate.michigan.gov . Following the show, Sen. Hopgood will hold a coffee hour at 3 p.m. at Romulus House restaurant, 9110 Wayne Rd., Romulus.

• **Saturday, Nov. 10** – Fund raiser to benefit Semper Fi Fund at Van Buren Eagles #3996, 9961 Beck Rd., 5 p.m. until midnight. Dinner 6-7:30 p.m.; entertainment, 8 p.m. until midnight. Tickets are $20 in advance; $25 at the door. Information, Eagles (734) 699-8836; John Watkins

• **Sunday, Nov. 11** – Free Sunday Music at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, 2-5 p.m. This week it's Jay Frandsen/Sax. Information: Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Tuesday, Nov. 13** – All are invited to the Veterans Day Luncheon, "Salute to Our American Heroes," at 11 a.m. at September Days Senior Center. Sponsored by Yankee Air Museum. RSVP to (734) 699-8918 by Thursday, Nov. 8. Lunch cost is $3.

• **Tuesday, Nov. 13** – Small Group Christian Parenting is held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 61 S. Edgemont Street, Belleville, next door to Belleville 7th Day Adventist Church. Call (918) 902-9977 to reserve your free spot or to get your questions answered. Learn principles and tips on how to mold the character of our kids to make Godly choices as adults.

• **Wednesday, Nov. 14** – Chicken Supper at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston, 5 p.m. until sold out. Carry outs start at 4:30 p.m. cost is $10 per person; children 12 and under $5. Menu: fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits and gravy, coleslaw, dessert, coffee, hot tea, milk. Info: (734) 654-9020.

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He said she went after the police chief, who was promoted to public safety director on a 6-1 vote, with her voting no. "She goes out into the street and disparages our police chief," Young continued, noting this is the last meeting before the election.

"I've been here 30 years," Young said. "I don't have to be here." He said he stayed on to take care of Po and Bardell and the citizens of the township deserve better.

"People have a right to have a spirited debate, but you lie to make your miserable life look better. ... If you stayed in your office and did your job" things would be better.

"This doesn't please me to do this and I'm glad this is the last time," Young said.

Earlier in her remarks, Treasurer Morgan said at the last township board meeting she was given options about her office and the next day she talked to Finance Director Scott Holtz.

"I will *not* have Karen Armatis in my office," she said. "I am not going to hire anyone to help. If I remain, I will keep working with Vern [Morse, her deputy]. September balanced right to the penny. I will not have anyone come into my office to upset this.

"Me and Karen had a falling out," Treasurer Morgan explained. "It started in May, when SOS came." SOS came asking for office space in the township to offer free services to families with preschoolers to get them ready for school. Morgan said after the SOS representative met with Supervisor Morgan, it was certain the township would help. But, Armatis was against it and SOS was turned down, Morgan said.

"She stewed until June 8," Treasurer Morgan said. "I was in Scott's office and when I came out Karen was in the hall." That's when Armatis said what Morgan perceived as a threat.

Treasurer Morgan said on June 14 there was an incident in her office and she filed a police report the next day. She said she put a camera in her office and changed the locks and made other security changes. She said there was criticism that Anna Winters' position wasn't bonded. It's bonded now, she said. She said there is confusion about whether the late Sybil Buchanan was bonded. When Roxanne Bardell volunteered to help in the treasurer's office, she was technically bonded.

"No money was removed from my office," Treasurer Morgan said. "Nobody stole anything. The office was well run. Karen doesn't like it when someone tells her no. She accessed all my computers. I took her off and she went on through Scott. If he accesses her computer, she has access to my computers." She said her former Deputy Janet Hoffmann discovered that first. She said they thought she wasn't smart enough to figure it out.

Treasurer Morgan said Finance Director Holtz looked very hard at financial institutions in which to place township funds for a better deal and it looked like he would recommend Comerica soon.

"Yesterday he said he wouldn't take it to the board until January and by April 1 it would be a done deal," Treasurer Morgan said. Holtz was absent from that night's meeting due to illness.

Treasurer Morgan, a longtime trustee until Supervisor Morgan appointed her treasurer after the death of Treasurer Alan Bates, lost in her attempt in the primary election to be the Democratic candidate in the Nov. 6 election. Kenneth Bednark is running as Democrat unopposed on the ballot for the seat. Treasurer Morgan has filed as a write-in candidate, along with Sheena Barnes, who is running as a write-in for clerk.

In other business in the Oct. 23 meeting, the board:

• Approved the supervisor's reappointment of Jane Stalmack to the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals with a term to expire Nov. 14, 2021;

• Adopted a resolution commemorating the World War I centennial and encouraged residents to take part in the national Armistice Bell Ringing Ceremony at 11 a.m., Nov. 11, to mark the cessation of hostilities;

• Approved a monthly retainer of $4,000 for Carlisle Wortman Associates for an on-site township administrator service for 12 hours a week. This includes monthly attendance to the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals meetings and conducting training workshops. A written report from Finance Director Holtz said this is not budgeted for 2019;

• Approved new volunteers Donna Stewart, Ken Bednark, and Tim Rush to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Application and background checks have been completed;

• Approved renewal of Parks and Recreation Commission members Jim Posegay, Joan Posegay, Cheryl Toms, Anna Bellany, Dawn Argo and Mark Argo, with terms to expire in October 2021;

• Recognized the appointment of Dawn Argo as Parks and Recreation Commission secretary;

• Approved the following 2019 Parks and Recreation Commission events: Easter Egg Hunt, April 13; Sumpter Country Fest, May 24-27; Family Fun Day, July 20; 25th-annual Don Rochon Memorial Car Show, Sept. 15; and Turkey Shoots, Oct. 6, 13, 20, and 27;

• Amended the Parks and Recreation Commission bylaw on membership, adding Section 5 regarding a one-year probationary period, as recommended by the commission;

• Heard Supervisor Morgan announce Trustee Matt Oddy was absent from the meeting because he was attending his daughter's band concert. Supervisor Morgan said families are important;

• Learned Holtz's computer hard drive failed on Oct. 19, resulting in the need to purchase a new desktop computer for him. With that, he did not have the second-quarter budget amendment recommendation for the board. This request will be made at one of the November board meetings, he noted;

• Heard Clerk Esther Hurst give a report on Senior Center activities, including that this year's community event for the Sumpter Quilters and Seniors is a pajama drive to make sure all the 300 residents of Cedar Woods Assisted Living on the South I-94 Service Drive have new pajamas. The annual craft show to earn funds to put on the Christmas party is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 3 and the senior Christmas party is at

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noon on Dec. 11;

• Heard a report from Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous on unspecified roadwork coming to Sumpter, work on the Waltz Road Bridge, and another $10,000 grant for Parks and Recreation. Resident Mary Ban said tall weeds at intersections are dangerous and need to be cut down and Haidous said to send him the exact locations and he will send it to the forestry department to be put on the list for cutting. Trustee LaPorte said there are large, dead trees hanging over roads and Haidous said to send him the locations. He said the schedule for cutting will be put on the Wayne County website. "You make my job easier by the way you work with me and talk to me," Haidous said of Sumpter. "I'm 20 minutes away from you. I live on Hannan." He said Sumpter is a unique township that doesn't cause him lots of headaches like other township do. "There are some issues we can't resolve";

• Heard a report from Water and Sewer Director Ken Kunka who said the sewer break on Willis Road was due to hydrogen sulfate eating the concrete pipe. They had to divert sewage around it to fix it. That was from Holiday West to Rawsonville Road. They televised the line and recommended lining the rest by Liquiforce. He said Ryan Kern of Hennessey Engineers is evaluating that. He said they have issues with the lift stations, as well, and are in the process of hiring a firm specializing in prioritizing problems with service systems. He said there have been five water line breaks on Willow Road between Martinsville and Sumpter. Kern said the water main there needs to be replaced and after the election they may be looking for shovel-ready projects with grants for water improvements;

• Heard Trustee LaPorte report there is a new program at the fire department. E Dispatch puts calls on smartphones when the pager goes off and maps out the location. About 20 fire fighters signed up and four wouldn't. Cost is now under $1,000, said Public Safety Director Luke, who said they have a 30-day free trial and the goal is to replace pagers or monitors, which sometimes are garbled. This App is crystal clear, he said. It went live the previous Friday;

• Heard Mary Ban say she has been attending township meeting for more than 43 years and "this is one of the worst meetings I have attended." The subject of marijuana has been behind things all summer long, she said. It is a divider not a uniter and, "I resent that." She said dirty laundry has been displayed for the residents this summer. "Mrs. Armatis does the best she can do," Ban said;

• Heard Julie Slauterbeck ask about expanding the sewer in a private/public partnership with Republic. Young said Republic has to initiate the project. Slauterbeck said she was five properties down from the end of the sewer and Young said he would look into the situation; and

• Heard Jim Edwards ask about renewing his license as a medical marijuana caregiver. He said he was told they weren't doing renewals. Luke said Det./Sgt. John Toth was gone a week and the paperwork came and now he's ready. Young said that Edwards is in compliance and they have more information now on case law. "I wanted to be sure because my license expired Oct. 7. It is very confusing," Edwards said.

Sumpter Twp. Board 'frozen' in any action on treasurer's office

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, minus Treasurer Peggy Morgan, held a 23-minute emergency meeting on Tuesday to accept the resignation of Deputy Treasurer Vern Morse and to put somebody in charge of the treasurer's office during the announced three-week absence of Treasurer Morgan.

First, Deputy Treasurer Morse's resignation was approved. [See copy of letter on Page 5.]

Township attorney Rob Young said Treasurer Morgan had sent word through Clerk Esther Hurst that Financial Director Scott Holtz, who had experience helping in her office, could take over as deputy treasurer during the three-week absence she was taking for personal health reasons.

Attorney Young said that would mean Holtz would have to resign from his financial director position, because he couldn't hold two jobs. When asked if he wanted to resign as financial director, Holtz said, "No," in a loud voice.

Young said the township board is "frozen." He said the board doesn't have a treasurer or deputy treasurer and doesn't have the legal power to appoint a treasurer or a deputy treasurer. He said Treasurer Morgan would have to be on disability or have resigned for them to act. There is no such thing as "leave" for her office.

"We're not in a position to take action," he said, noting he has studied the law at length and received advice from other lawyers and the Michigan Township Association.

Trustee Matt Oddy said Holtz is on vacation next week, anyway.

"This puts us in a bad position, unless she comes back," Trustee Oddy said.

Young said the report at the last meeting was that everything was fine in the treasurer's office and then something happened.

Trustee Don LaPorte said the treasurer's office has to pay employees and vendors and tax bills have to be to the printer to be in mailboxes by Dec. 3.

"We cannot do anything," Young emphasized. Of the treasurer's office, he said, "If it's open, it's open. If it's closed, it's closed."

"We can't open it and we can't close it," Young said. Treasurer Morgan is in charge and, "We just have to go from here."

The agenda item to temporarily assign Holtz to discharge the duties of the treasurer's office due to Treasurer Morgan's "leave" was withdrawn. Young said he had put that on the agenda when he thought that was possible.

Treasurer Morgan sent word she will return to her job on Nov. 20 and then would find a deputy treasurer.

When asked if the state could help, Young said the Governor could remove her from office, but not in three weeks. "Not worth the effort to try," he said.

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This year's festival will run from Tuesday, Nov. 22, through Wednesday, Dec. 21, when the public is invited in to view the museum by tree light with $2 admission.

Each entry should have a cultural or historical holiday theme or one that is representative of an organization. Past themes have included an old-fashioned Christmas, Santas, gingerbread men, peppermints, and patriotic.

Entries can be submitted in one of three categories: a floor-size artificial tree, a tabletop artificial tree (maximum three feet), or an artificial wreath with a sturdy wire attached for hanging.

All trees and wreaths need to have lights and people are asked to bring their own long extension cord(s) labeled with a name.

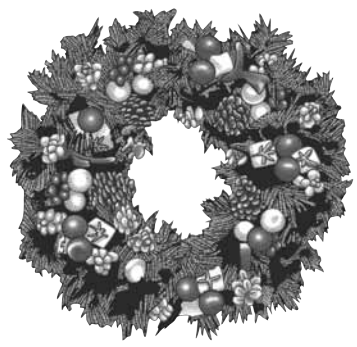
All artificial trees need to have their own tree stands, lights, decorations, tree skirt and a decorative sign that displays the name of the organization or business.

Museum Director Katie Dallos said that previous experience has shown that open exhibits such as these are usually safe, however, the museum cannot guarantee absolute security and cannot be responsible in case of loss or damage. Rare antique ornaments are not encouraged. Waivers will be required.

Applications must be received by Wednesday, Nov. 14, even if the decorating theme has not been decided. Questions? Call the museum at (734) 697-1944.

In addition to displaying a tree, the museum offers an option of donating a fully decorated tree for auction. The Silent Tree Auction has proven to be an excellent way to raise money for museum-sponsored programs and events, Dallos said.

This year's auction will run from Nov. 17 to Dec. 19. Trees will be available for pickup up at 7 p.m. on Dec. 19. Those interested in participating in the silent auction may contact the museum at (734) 697-1944 or by email at kdallos@provide.net .



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VBT DDA approves more engineer services for Placemaking Project

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority approved up to $18,500, plus a contingency of 10% for an unexpected expense for the Placemaking Project on Belleville Road.

At its regular meeting on Oct. 23, DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland apologized for the last-minute addition to the agenda.

She said the township's building and planning department has informed her that it is necessary to acquire the services of a subcontractor to Wakely Associates to provide materials-testing service for the Belleville Road Placemaking Project.

"I understand that this is a standard requirement to ensure there are no site failures," she said.

"I have received a proposal from SME who is the Geotechnical Engineer of record for our project. They are familiar with the sub-subsurface soil conditions and the recommendations for site preparation and earthwork, foundations, fill and drainage. Additionally, they will provide continuity and their familiarity with the project will reduce the risks associated with bringing a different firm on board," she said.

Ireland said the proposed cost is based on time and materials and reflects their estimate of the project schedule and construction sequencing.

She said normally the contractor could do it, but doing it this way "saves a few bucks." She said SME did the original soil borings on the project.

Ireland said she just got the information that day and, "We really don't have a choice."

Ireland also reported that a final meeting was held to review all the interior and exterior materials and colors for the project. She said the township has issued the building and mechanical permits in order for the contractor to begin on the footings and the soil erosion permit has been issued by Wayne County.

They are still working through the easements with Westlake Apartments and the easements are now with their legal department. She said once they receive these from Westlake they can get the permit from Wayne County to begin the underground work. The easements include water connection, cross access, and storm water.

"It's kind of wet out there," Ireland said. "I had my muck boots on today."

In other business at the Oct. 23 meeting, the DDA:

• Approved purchase of $24,000 worth of 190 Custom Sunbrella Banners for the Belleville Road Streetscape from Old Glory. They include 76 with the Van Buren logo, 38 Winter Snowflake, 38 Spring Flowers, and 38 Summer Stars & Strips with "welcome" on the seasonal banners. DDA Assistant Director Lisa Lothringer said Old Glory has been a wonderful vendor for the DDA, taking care of seasonal installation, storage of off-season banners, and performing repair work when necessary. She said she anticipates $13,500 will be expensed in the 2018 budget and the remaining $10,500 will be expensed in 2019. She said the last round of banners was purchased in 2015 and the vinyl banners purchased then have realized their estimated lifespan and need to be phased out. Some are cracking and flaking, she said. She said the umbrella fabric lasts better than the vinyl. The banners are 76"x28";

• Heard Ireland report that cement is being poured on the pedestrian path over I-94 and they still estimate the bridge will be open to the public in November. DTE hasn't been out there lately, and if they don't get out there soon, the path lighting won't be put in until spring, she said, adding, it will be walkable this year; and

• Heard Ireland report that DTE finally has the Belleville Road LED street lighting working properly. She said it appears as if the strobing has been fixed and the lights on the west side of Belleville Road between Tyler and Walgreens are now working properly.

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September Days Senior Center

"Salute to Our American Heroes"

Tuesday, November 13th 11:00am

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Please R.S.V.P. to 734-699-8918 by:

Thursday, November 8th

Lunch - $3.00

City of Belleville / Van Buren Township Goodfellows

Applications for Assistance Begin Mon, Nov 5th

Applications to receive assistance for the 2018 Belleville / Van Buren Township Goodfellows Christmas Food and Toy Distribution Program will begin 9am Monday, Nov 5th.

Application forms will be available 24/7 at the Van Buren Township Police Department front desk.
(46425 Tyler Rd, Van Buren Twp)

Printable forms will also be available online on the Van Buren Township website at at www.vanburen-mi.org.

Program is open to City of Belleville and Van Buren Township residents only (Sumpter Twp has their own Goodfellows program)

You may:
Pick up a form and apply immediately at the police dept.
or
Take home a form or download a printable form to fill out and apply at the police dept front desk at a later time between 9am Mon, Nov 5th and 3pm Fri, Dec 7th

YOU MUST APPLY IN PERSON AT THE POLICE DEPT WITH PROOF OF RESIDENCY
(Drivers license, State ID or current utility bill showing name & address).

CALL-IN, MAIL-IN OR E-MAILED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Applications for assistance will close Friday, Dec 7th at 3pm.

For more info or questions about the Goodfellows program, contact Pam Fleming at 734-260-4150 weekdays 9am-3pm

Thank-you
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Hubert Massey

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H. Wright Museum of African American History, and Detroit Athletic Club.

An award-winning Kresge Fine Arts Fellow, his distinctive fresco murals grace the Flint Institute of the Arts and his alma mater, Grand Valley State University, where he earned an honorary doctorate of fine arts in 2012.

In 2014 the Detroit Regional Convention Facility Authority commissioned Massey to create the first large-scale mural completed for Cobo Center since 1987. A fresco painting, the mural features images and tells the stories of Detroit community pride. After four years of work, the fresco was dedicated in September.

Massey studied at the University of London's Slade Institute of Fine Arts and later learned the centuries-old fresco technique from former assistants of legendary artist Diego Rivera. Today, Massey is the only known African American commissioned fresco artist in America.

He also is known for his sculptures, stained glass, and mosaics.

"Public art begins with the community it will serve," Massey said. "In fact, after nearly 20 years of creating large-scale public works of art for various cities, communities and neighborhoods throughout the Midwest, it is my belief that public art should be, first and foremost, meaningful to those who surround it."

Birthdays

Nov. 6 – Maureen O'Sullivan
Nov. 8 – Mary Thacker, Rose Ison
Nov. 9 – Evelyn Larabell
Nov. 10 – Charity Fielder
Nov. 12 – Cinda McManus

Do you have a birthday in November? Does anyone you know have a birthday soon? Call the *Independent* at 699-9020 and let us know. We'll list it in this column ASAP following your call. There is no charge.

Sumpter Township Public Notice

Accepting Applications

Sumpter Township is currently accepting applications for Building Department Clerk. The Building Department Clerk is responsible for all functions of the Building Department including but not limited to maintaining Building Department files, scheduling inspections, communicating with contractors and residents via phone, in person and email, issuing building, electrical, plumbing and mechanical permits.

This is a full-time union (AFSCME) position.

Please submit application, resume and cover letter to Michelle Billingham, Human Resources Coordinator, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 16, 2018. Application and job description is available on our website Sumptertwp.com

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Sumpter Township Public Notice

SNOW REMOVAL BIDS

The Township of Sumpter, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, is seeking sealed bids for snow removal of sidewalks, driveways, handicap ramps using Wayne County grant monies.

Bids must include the following:

1) **Commercial Vehicle insurance for all vehicles used.**
2) **List of equipment used to provide snow removal.**
3) **Employer Federal Tax I.D.**
4) **Copy of Business License.**
5) **List of all drivers and their drivers' license numbers.**
6) **Liability insurance naming Sumpter Township as an additional insured. To be provided also from each contractor, if subcontractors are used to provide snow removal.**
7) **Workers compensation certificate if employees are used to provide service.**
8) **Payment to be supplied from Wayne County Grant Funds-all regulations to be complied with.**
9) **Sealed bids to be submitted to Township Clerks Office by November 9, 2018 at 3:00 pm. Bids to be opened November 9, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.**

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 415 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Oct. 21:

0014 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd.
0458 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Archwood
0617 – domestic, Outer Dr.
1111 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Ponderosa
1147 – assist other dept., Village Green Ln.
1337 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1351 – domestic, Van Buren St.
1520 – disorderly, Robson Rd.
1646 – animal complaint, Lancaster Dr.
1706 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton/Stanley
1735 – animal complaint, Lauren Ct.
1926 – disorderly, Robson Rd.
1937 – dumping complaint, Morton Taylor/Van Born
1945 – 911 welfare check, Bemis Rd.
2012 – noise complaint, Sawgrass Ct.
2034 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
2038 – threat, Maple Dr.
2042 – domestic, S. Bellridge Dr.
2133 – civil matter, E. Huron River Dr.
2307 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
2312 – abandoned auto, S. Industrial

Monday, Oct. 22:

0432 – domestic, N. Bellridge Dr.
0844 – traffic offense, W. I-94/Haggerty
1305 – ordinance violation, Haggerty Rd.
1330 – suspicious person/vehicle, Berkdale Dr.
1530 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1624 – fraud, Brookside Dr.
1704 – larceny from auto, Bentley Dr.
1816 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1841 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
1910 – domestic, Outer Dr.
1926 – shooting, Hannan Rd.
2023 – personal injury accident, E. I-94/Belleville
2030 – threat, Liberty Ln.
2046 – personal injury accident, WB I-94 / Belleville Rd.
2232 – noise complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.

Tuesday, Oct. 23:

0250 – assist citizen, Bemis Rd./Elwell Rd.
0756 – trespassing, Haggerty Rd./Independence
0839 – suicidal person, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0900 – harassment call, Rawsonville Rd.
1033 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
1112 – breaking & entering, Briarwood Dr.
1231 – retail fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1249 – property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr. / Ormond Dr.
1338 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / Van Born Rd.
1414 – missing person, Elwell Rd.
1418 – assist other dept., Industrial Park Dr. / Sumpter Rd.
1423 – larceny, Colonial Rd.
1631 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1734 – private property impound, Denton Rd.
1829 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd.
1852 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hawthorne Ct.
1951 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
2030 – abandoned auto, Haggerty Rd./Tyler Rd.
2116 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2122 – assault & battery, Tyler Rd.
2137 – domestic, Montague Ave.

Wednesday, Oct. 24:

0702 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd. / S. Grove Rd.
0736 – property damage accident, Hamilton St.
0817 – larceny from auto, Beckley Rd.
1111 – personal injury accident, S. I-275/Ecorse
1134 – property damage accident, Jackson St.
1207 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1401 – fraud, Parkwood Dr.
1453 – neighbor trouble, Fairbanks St.
1459 – fight, Parkwood Dr.
1503 – private property impound, Haggerty
1511 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1541 – disorderly, Haggerty Rd.
1633 – animal complaint, Savage Rd.
1640 – private property/property damage accident, Winchester St.
1648 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Sunset Ln.
1712 – fraud, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1725 – fraud, Senate St.
1738 – disorderly, Maple Dr.
1844 – threat, Belleville Rd.
1856 – domestic, Rose Blvd.
1956 – noise complaint, Sylvia Dr.
2010 – suspicious person/vehicle, Madison Dr.
2018 – missing person, Bayshore Dr.
2021 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd./Tyler Rd.
2042 – noise complaint, Quirk Rd.
2234 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.

Thursday, Oct. 25:

0253 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
0358 – robbery, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0551 – larceny from auto, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0642 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
0823 – family trouble, Denton Rd.
0839 – larceny from auto, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0912 – larceny from auto, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0922 – larceny from auto, Pebblebrook Dr.
0943 – private property impound, Beckley
0957 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1027 – suspicious person/vehicle, Old Haggerty Rd.
1046 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd.
1051 – private property/property damage accident, Oak Ln.
1133 – threat, Lighthouse Dr.
1205 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1255 – traffic offense, Hamilton St.
1308 – animal complaint, McBride Ave.
1421 – assault & battery, Locust Dr.
1457 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
1541 – suicidal person, Denton Rd.
1642 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler/Haggerty
1648 – road hazard, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1702 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1758 – larceny from auto, Wildbrook Dr.
1828 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1846 – motorist assist, N. I-94 Service Dr./Dewitt
2234 – disorderly, Haggerty

Friday, Oct. 26:

0034 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Edison Lake
0047 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
0139 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0433 – suspicious person/vehicle, Quirk/Belleville
0642 – suspicious person/vehicle, Waters Edge Ln.
0759 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Bellridge Dr.
0823 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
0947 – animal complaint, Jeremy Rd.
1030 – 911 welfare check, Maple Dr.
1055 – animal complaint, W. Huron River Dr.
1232 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1326 – private property impound, W. Schooner Dr. / Michigan Ave.
1331 – motorist assist, Hannan Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1343 – larceny from auto, Brookside Dr.
1411 – private property impound, Parkwood Dr.
1419 – dumping complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1422 – private property impound, Parkwood Dr.
1453 – breaking & entering, Haggerty Rd.
1512 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
1554 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1848 – abandoned auto, Morton Taylor/Van Born
1848 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton
1922 – prisoner transport, Grand Traverse/Bay Ct.
1936 – road hazard, Hannan Rd./Ecorse Rd.
2006 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
2105 – shooting, Hamilton St./Hayes St.
2131 – noise complaint, Belmont Dr./Elwell Rd.
2145 – larceny, Rolan Meadows Dr.
2152 – 911 welfare check, Ecorse/Morton Taylor
2238 – motorist assist, Martinsville/Savage
2256 – threat, Belleville Rd.

Saturday, Oct. 27:

0239 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
0310 – property damage accident, Brandi Dr.
0853 – domestic, S. Bellridge Dr.
0912 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
0944 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1306 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1313 – trespassing, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1331 – missing person, Lincoln St.
1454 – domestic, Anna Dr.
1529 – found property/child, Wildflower Ct.
1740 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2023 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.

Also on this week's log are 146 traffic stops, including 33 on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 21:

0043 – intrusion alarm, S. Industrial Park Dr.
0852 – animal complaint, High St./Main St.
1052 – harassment call, Carmell St.
1136 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd.
2033 – 911 welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.
2226 – assist citizen, Tyler

Monday, Oct. 22:

0107 – parking complaint, Fifth/Main
0520 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1206 – abandoned auto, Charles St.
1542 – suicidal person, Charles St.
1817 – intrusion alarm, Belle Villa Blvd.
2304 – intrusion alarm, Main St.

Tuesday, Oct. 23:

1502 – parking complaint, S. Aberdeen Ct.
1656 – larceny, Loza Ln.
1820 – suspicious person/vehicle, South St./E. Davis St.

Wednesday, Oct. 24:

1025 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1241 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd.
1403 – 911 welfare check, Charles St.
1507 – fraud, Anaheim
1511 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1610 – follow up by officer, South St.
1917 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.

Thursday, Oct. 25:

0845 – intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.
1037 – miscellaneous complaint, Main St.
1352 – miscellaneous complaint, Potter Dr.
1359 – intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.
1654 – motorist assist, Denton Rd.
2117 – civil matter, Church St.
2150 – hospice death, N. Liberty St.
2223 – intrusion alarm, Main St.

Friday, Oct. 26:

0758 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
0917 – intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.
0926 – suspicious person/vehicle, Glass Ranch / South St.
1215 – vehicle lock out, Charles St.
1422 – motorist assist, Main St.
1457 – welfare check, Clarence St.
1646 – welfare check, S. Edgemont Ave.

Saturday, Oct. 27:

0018 – suspicious person/vehicle, Potter Dr. / E. Huron River Dr.
1109 – assist fire dept., Victorian Ln.
1131 – motorist assist, Main St./Denton Rd.
1259 – shooting, W. Wabash Ave.
1549 – threat, Main St.
2356 – warrant arrest, Canton PD

Also on this week's log are 30 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 21:

0051 – assist other agency, out of township
0813 – alarm, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1144 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1307 – well-being check, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1637 – shots fired, 42000 bl. Wear Rd.
1741 – warrant arrest pick up, 9300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1805 – civil dispute, Rustic Ln.
1953 – disorderly person, Savage/Harris
2327 – civil dispute, Oregon
2351 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Monday, Oct. 22:

0142 – assist other agency, out of township
0353 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0750 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
1020 – alarm, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1201 – alarm, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
1307 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1337 – harassment complaint, 39000 bl. Judd Rd.
1554 – assault, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2107 – alarm, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2154 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Tuesday, Oct. 23:

1013 – civil dispute, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.
1023 – civil dispute, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.
1025 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Sherwood
1059 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Clay/Sumpter
1108 – 911 hangup, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1110 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster
1238 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1239 – alarm, 46000 bl. Kozma Rd.
1239 – identity theft, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1426 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico
1849 – suspicious incident, Harris/Savage

Wednesday, Oct. 24:

1129 – warrant arrest pick up, Brookview
1144 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Executive Dr.
1308 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.
1407 – assist other agency, out of township
1614 – suspicious incident, Walnut
1626 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1845 – warrant arrest pick up, Rustic Ln.
2009 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
2120 – animal complaint, Oakville Waltz / Haggerty
2137 – alarm, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2312 – suspicious incident, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
2356 – warrant arrest pick up, Bemis/Rawsonville

Thursday, Oct. 25:

0143 – suspicious vehicle, Bemis/Sumpter
1301 – reckless driver, Rustic Ln.
1401 – alarm, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.
1447 – shots fired, 43000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1530 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1611 – property damage accident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1632 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Sherwood
1643 – property damage accident, Sherwood / Willow
1758 – well-being check, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1832 – subpoena service, Carriage Ln.
1851 – subpoena service, out of township
1918 – subpoena service, out of township
1920 – trespassing complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

Friday, Oct. 26:

0022 – subpoena service, out of township
1028 – assist other agency, out of township
1052 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Martinsville
1415 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1702 – fight, Carriage Ln.
1955 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2059 – warrant arrest pick up, Rawsonville/Willis
2308 – warrant arrest pick up, Martinsville/Savage

Saturday, Oct. 27:

0511 – 911 hang up, 40000 bl. Wear Rd.
0817 – shots fired, 25000 bl. Clark Rd.
0958 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1021 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1140 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1149 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood
1208 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1240 – neighbor complaint, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1246 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood
1830 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2157 – suspicious vehicle, 43000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2359 – suspicious vehicle, Willis/Elwell

Also on this week's log are eight follow-up investigations, 26 miscellaneous details, 105 patrol checks, and 55 traffic stops.

Upcoming Meetings

• Monday, Nov. 5 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Thursday, Nov. 8 – Keystone Academy school board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m., if needed. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

• Monday, Nov. 12 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. at the Commons at Belleville High School.

• Tuesday, Nov. 13 – Van Buren Township work/study session at 4 p.m., followed by board meeting at 7 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals at 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

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At the Oct. 22 meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, the fifth grade band of Owen Intermediate School played three versions of "Hot Cross Buns," the last being a spooky version in honor of Halloween. The board said this early music training expands to the large band program at the high school.

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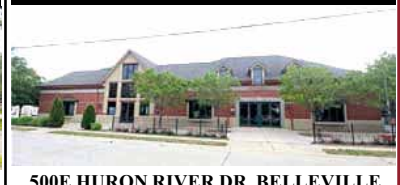
FOR SALE OR LEASE



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SOLD

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SOLD

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50435 BOG ROAD .55 ACRES $50,000
SOLD

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